traffic and for making the National Highways more safe. In addition to this, education and publicity programmes are also undertaken to increase road safety, awareness among road users.

Acquisition of Land for Rest Areas in Andhra Pradesh

570. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will he Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whcather Government has made any specific effort to acquire land in Andhra Pradesh for a much demanded REST AREA;

(b) if so, the quantum of land acquired;

(c) whether the road safety authorities have welcomed suggestions from concerned citizens on the high number of fatalities in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons for neglecting road safety in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Land acquisition for one such facility at Palamner on NH-4 has been completed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Road Accidents on NH-5

571. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special effort is being made by the National Highways Authority of India to reduce road accidents;

(b) whether it is a fact that no special design work has been done to improve roads from the safety angle;